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VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND.

(Contributed by Leo Culleton, 92 Piccadilly, London, W, and
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(Continued)

JOHN BENSKEYN, Citizen and Vintener of London.

Dated 15 Nov. 1617

Proved 28 Nov. 1617.

My bodie to be buried within the parish Church of St. Magnus the martir, London whereof I am a parishioner. To the poore of the said parish of St Magnus the martir, neere London Bridge, Forty shillings. To my Brother Thomas Benskyn of Sallowe in the Countie of Nott, yeoman, Tenne poundes. To my Brother Raph Benskyn, Fyfteene pounds. To my sister Margaret Pick, wief of William Pick of great Dawlby in the County of Leic, husbondman, Fyve pounds. To her daughter Hanna, Forty shillings. To my sister Sara Wyatt, wief of Thomas Wyatt of Thrummiston [? Thurmaston] in the said County of Leic, husbondman, Tenne poundes. And to her three Children Forty shillings a peece. To every one of the Eight Children of my said Brother Thomas Benskyn, Forty shillings a peece. To my sister Martha Hoden, wief of Robert Hoden, Citizen and Dyer of London, Tenne poundes. To my Father in lawe, Nicholas Oesley, Fyve pounds. To my sister in lawe, Ellen Oesley, Tenne pounds. To Judith Smyth, Widdowe, whoe nurseth my Child, Twenty shillings. To my Cosen Sibbell Pye, wyfe of Henry Pye, Fortie shillings. To my freinds Mr Richard Sleigh, Citizen and Vintner of London, to Mr Frances Benbowe, to my Aunt Merrick, to my Cosen Anne Poole and unto her mother Mary Overton, Forty shillings

a peece to make them Ringes. To my servants, Edward Johnson, John Mills and Alice Tewks, Fortie shillings a peece. To my Child Frances [Francis?] Benskyn, the sume of two hundred and Fiftie pounds. And unto the Child wherewith my wife nowe goeth, the like sume of two hundred and Fifty poundes. And if my said wife shall nowe goe with more than one Child then the same twoe porcons of two hundred and Fifty poundes shalbe and remayne equally amongst my said Children. And the said legacies to be paide unto them at the age or ages of one and twentie yeares of my sonne or sonnes, and at the age or ages of one and Twentie yeares or Dayes of marriages, first happening, of my Daughter or Daughters. And whereas I am seised of certen lands and hereditamts in Suyston als Seston als Sytheston, in the Countie of Leic. my will is that my Executrix and Overseers hereafter named shall make sale thereof to the most benefytt they can, For and towards the payment of such Debts and summes of money as I owe.

Residuary Legatee and Sole Executrix. my wife, Katherin Benskyn. Overseers: my Unckle Sr Jno Merricke of London, Knight, and Jno Poole, Citizen and Mercer of London.

James Goodyer, Scr., John Bludworth and Christopher Fanell, (servt to the said James Goodyer, Scr.) Witnesses.

Proved 28 Nov. 1617 by Catherine Benskyn, the relict and Sole Executrix named.

P. C. C. 102 Weldon.

[The wills of Francis Benskin, Esq. of St. Martins in the Fields, proved Jan. 2, 1691, and of his son Henry Benskin, "lately arrived in England from the plantation of Virginia," proved Oct. 19, 1692, are in Waters' Gleanings. The latter had two daughters, Mary wife of William Harman of New Kent Co. and Frances wife of William Marston of James City County. Benskin appeared later as a Christian name among the Marstons and their descendants. It is possible that John Benskin, the testator above was father of Francis Benskin.]

HENRY BUSHRODE of Craford in the Countie of Dorset, yeoman.

Dated 10 Sept. 1612.

Proved 12 July 1614.

To be buried in the Churchyarde of this same parish. To the Church of the same parish, sixe shillings eight pence. To the

poore of the same parish, Five poundes. To the poore of little Craford, Twentie shillings. To the poore of Keniston, Twentie shillings. To Henry Brushrode, the sonne of Robert Bushrode of Shireborne late deceased, Thirtie poundes, to be paid him at the age of one and Twentie Yeares. To his other two sonnes, Twentie poundes, a peece, to be paid at the age of one and twentie yeares. To the youngest of my brother John Bushrods daughters, of Tawnton, late deceased, Twentie poundes. To Mary Bushrode, my kinswoman, Ten poundes. To my Cosen William Bushrode, Tenne poundes. To the Children of Robert Rapsham of Shireborne, Fortie shillings a peece. To Henry Roberts, Fortie shillings. To George Schovell, the sonne of George Schovell, six poundes, and two heyfers which are nowe at pasture with William Hughes. To the Children of John Bushrode, late of Shireborne, Five poundes a peece, to be paid at the age of twentie and one yeares. Residuary Legatee and Sole Executor. Richard Bushrode* of Dorchester.

Thomas Frampton and George Batt, Witnesses.

To my brother William Bushrode, Five poundes. To my godchildren, two sheepe a peece.

Proved 12 July 1614, by the Sole Executor *named.

*[No relationship given].

[In Vol. XXIII, 48, this magazine, was printed the will of Samuel Bushrod, of the County of Dorset, clothier, proved June 1, 1647, who seems to have been brother of Richard and Thomas Bushrod the emigrants to Virginia. This Henry Bushrod was evidently nearly related to Samuel. In each will is mention of members of the Scovell family.]

MR. MARTIN JEFFERSON an English man merchant adventurer living in Rotterdam. Will 1 October 1650; proved 28 October 1651. Appears before John Froost notary public admitted by the Court of Holland and left all his property and the guardianship of his children to his wife Weyntge Jefferson. Witnesses: William Ende Jongh and Martine Alma my clerks. A. Sommetradt Not: Pub: 1651 & H. de Custer Not: Pub: 1651 swear that John Frost is a notary and that instruments affected before him are legal and attesting the translation appears Josua

Mainet not: pub: 1651. Proved by Wentgen Jefferson the relict. *Grey*, 188.

[This abstract and the one following have been printed to preserve possible clues for tracing the Jefferson family. The John Jefferson, whose will follows, may have been the one who was a member of the Va. House of Burgesses in 1619.]

JOHN JEFFERSON the elder of the parish of St. Peter ad Vincula within the Tower of London, citizen and bowyer of London. Will 26 December 1645; proved 30 October 1647. I give to my son John Jefferson my livery gown and all my wearing apparel whatsoever, and all my bows, bowstaves, working tools, and other implements of archery, together with my seal ring. To Mary Jefferson, my said son's daughter, my Cyprus desk. To my daughter Elizabeth Tyrer my ring set with a blue stone and other stones. To my daughter Dorothy Watkins my gold ring that was my Wife's wedding ring. All other my rings I give to my son Nathaniell Jefferson. To each of my aforesaid four children, a silver spoon apiece. I will that all my beds, bedding, and household stuff shall be duly and justly appraised, and indifferently shared into four equal parts, one part whereof I give to my said son John, one other part equally amongst my grandchildren, children of my said son Nathaniel, one other part amongst the children of my daughter Elizabeth, and the other amongst the children of my daughter Dorothy. The parts given to all the children shall remain in the custody of my son Nathaniel, and shalbe by him kept or sold to the best profit he can for the benefit of the said children at their respective ages of 21 or marriage. All the rest of my goods I give amongst all my said grandchildren, viz., the children of my said two sons and two daughters, to be divided amongst them at their ages of 21 or marriage. I appoint my son Nathaniel Jefferson to be my full executor. (signed) John Jefferson. Witnesses: Joseph Alfort scr., Johes Aurelius, not. pub., Oliver Obery, servant to the said scrivener. Proved by the executor named. *Fines*.

ELIZABETH BRAXTON of the parish of St. Gregory, London, widow. Will 8 April 1652; proved 30 April 1653. I give to my cousin Elizabeth Wilson, and to her brothers John Watson and William Watson, and to my cousins Elizabeth and John Watson, son and daughter of John Watson deceased, 12d. each. To Margaret Guy 10s. to make her a ring. To Mr. Thomas Bruise, junior, a little gold purse and an enamelled ring with a death's head on it. To my maidservant Christian Lucas my best wearing apparel, and to my maidservant Sara Underwood my ordinary wearing apparel. To my sister Joanne Dawson, my wedding ring. To John Dawson and Ellen, son and daughter of William and Joane Dawson, my two gilt bowls. I make my brother William Dawson, cook, my sole executor; and if any of my kindred (by me not now remembered) shall happen to disturb my executor in the performance of this my will, I give to each of them that shall come in 12d, which legacies I give not unto them to cut them off from what is their due, but to ascertain my executor (as in all conscience I am bound) that he shall not be endangered by any engagements that be upon him concerning me, and to enable him the better to pay my debts, he being very well known to, and better respected amongst my creditors than any other friend that at this time I could make use of. (Signed) Elizabeth Braxton. Witnesses: Richard Hodgekinson, Robt. Gebbins. Proved by the executor named. *Brent*, 298.

[As the name Braxton, or Brexton (the same name) appears so rarely in English records, and as absolutely nothing is known of the English ancestry of the Virginia family, it has been thought worth while to preserve these two wills as possible aids to investigation.]

WILLIAM BREXTON of St. Martin in the Fields, county Middlesex, gent. Will 1 August 1634; proved 28 August 1634. Body to Church of Holy Trinity in Winton. To repair of said church £10. To my brother Richard Brexton £1000 remaining in the custody of Sir Richard Titchbourne Baronett as by Bond in my Custody. Said £1000 to remain in the hands of said Sir Richard for three years after my death and in the meantime if mine executor be so minded to renew the same but not to call it in.

In token of my love to Sir Richard and for many curtesies I have received I give to him £30. To my Lord Weston £30 humbly desiring him to accept the same. To my father and mother and the longest liver of them the lease of a house in the city of Wiston which I bought of Mrs Savage together with the wine licence which I took from Mr. Diggens of the wine office. To my said brother Richard Brexton the sums of money which may accrue upon a Privy Seale made by assignment of Mr. Melvill with Captain Milwoode and Mr. Bedingfield of Gray's Inn. To my said brother the residue of the term of said howse as shall be unexpired after the death of said father and mother. To my sister Ellen Zouche a diamond ring of about £20. To my three brothers Thomas, Cornelius and Francis £40 apiece I release my cousin Mr. Thomas Travers of £13 and all arrears. My said brother Richard sole executor. Mr. Edward Bettes and Mr. William Longland the elder Overseers. To each of them 6s. 8d. Witnesses: Tho. Travers, Hen. Crosse, Thos. Stockton. *Seager*, 78.

WILLIAM CORDEROY of Chuet county Wilts esqre. Will 15 June 1621; proved 4 November 1623. Body to my Chappell in Chuet church. To Lady Church of Sarum 40s. To poor of Chuet 40s. and 10s. to church. To my daughter Annah £400. To my daughter Ellenor £400. My brother Edward Godderde esq my cosen William Sotwell esq and my cosen William Stanton esq to raise money for 12 years on my land, and pay to my son William Corderoy £50 yearly. To my said son all my lands in Chuet Conholt, Langley Mowse, Upham and Wilton for ever. In default then to my son Edward and for default to my son John. My son William sole executor. To my wife and her maid beds bedding etc. and their diet. To my three daughters £20 yearly, i. e. £6. 13s. 4d. apeece. Witnesses: Wm. Corderoy, Andrew Kingsmill, Jasper Mompesson, Edwd Flower. Memorandum. The legacy of £400 (there is no mention of it in body of Will) given by testator to said Bridget Corderoy was stricken out by testator in presence of witnesses 6th January 1622, Wm. Stanton, Ann Arnold, Kingesmill Long, Constance Browne. *Swann*, 109.

[Chester's *Marriage Licenses* shows that "Richard Bernard, of Petsoe, Bucks, widower, aged 26," was granted a license, Nov. 24, 1634, to marry "Anne Corderoy, aged 26, daughter of ——— Corderoy Esq.," at St. Andrews-in-the Wardrobe, London. They came afterwards to Va., and in a grant of land to Mrs. Anna Bernard July 2, 1652, appear the names of Ellinor, William and Edward Corderoy, headrights. From the names in the will and the headrights it looks very much as if this William Corderoy was the father of Mrs. Bernard. There are other things which seem to prove that this was indeed the fact. Among the other headrights to the Bernard grant, which has been referred to, were William, Francis and Elizabeth Ironmonger (or Iremonger). In the Salisbury marriage licenses, now in course of publication in the (English) *Genealogist*, it appears that on July 23, 1628 a license was issued for the marriage of Samuel Iremonger of Dennington (Donnington?), Berks., gent., aged 21, and Bridget Corderoy of Chute, Wilts., aged 24. We have therefore the three daughters of William Corderoy, the testator, accounted for. Anna, who married Richard Bernard, Elinor, who came with her sister to Virginia, and Bridget, who married Samuel Iremonger. Evidently Mrs. Iremonger's children came with their aunt to Virginia. There were also others not included among these headrights. In this Magazine XI, 75, 76, are the administrations granted 1681 to Elizabeth (Iremonger) wife of Anthony Evenden, on the estates of her sisters Martha (Iremonger) wife of John Jones, and Ann (Iremonger) Rumney, and her brother Corderoy Ironmonger, all of whom had died intestate in Virginia.]

From a pedigree printed in *The Genealogist*, XII, 22, and in the *Visitation of Wiltshire*, 1623, edited by Marshall, the following genealogy of the family of Cordray or Corderoy of Chute, Wiltshire, has been compiled.

"Arms: Sable, a chevron or between two mullets of the second in chief and a lion passant ducally crowned of the second in base within a bordure of the third."

THOMAS CORDRAY of Chute, Co. Wilts., gent., married Jane, daughter of ——— Gray in Co. Somerset, and by her had issue: 1. Thomas², son and heir; 2. Richard; 3. Maude, married Lucas Linton, of Alsford, Co. Hants.

THOMAS² CORDRAY of Chute, marr. Jane, daughter and heiress of Roger Sennore of Andover, Co. Southampton (Seamor, according to the *Visitation* of 1623) and had issue: 1. Thomas³, son and heir; 2. Alys, married first Thomas Bartholomew, of Salisbury, second Robert Elliott, of the same place; 3. Katherin, married William Poton of Colbarwick.

THOMAS³ CORDRAY of Chute, gent., married Jane, daughter of Thomas Coxwell, of ———, Co. Berks (Thomas Morris, of Coxwell, in the *Visitation*) and had issue: 1. Edward⁴, son and heir married a sister of James Merum, and d. s. p.; 2. William⁴; 3. John; 4. Thomas; 5. Robert; 6. Richard; 7. James; 8. Jeromy; 9. Elizabeth; 10. Jane; 11. Alys; 12. Mary; 13. Jane.

WILLIAM⁴ CORDRAY, Esq., of Chute, brother and heir of Edward⁴, married Bridget, daughter of Edward Goddard, of Woodhay, in Co. Southampton. Issue: 1. William, Esq., son and heir, aged 22, in 1623; 2. Edward aged 20; 3. John aged 16; 4. Bridget, aged 21; 5. Anna, aged 15; 6. Ellinor, aged 11.]

JOHN CULPEPER of Greenway Courte, county Kent, Esquire. Will 14 December 1635; proved 3 January 1635-6. To be buried in chancel of Hollingbourne Church where Sir Thomas Culpeper shall think fit or most convenient and in such manner as my son Thomas Culpeper shall think fit. To Anne Culpeper my wife all debts owing to her as administratrix to her late husband, except debt owing by the Lord and Lady Lambert which I give to my son Thomas Culpeper. To son John annuity for life of £30 payable by Sir John Culpeper. To daughter Sicely Culpeper £300. To James Medicott my son in law and Frances Medicote my daughter 20s. each. Residuary Legatee and Executor: son Thomas. Witnesses: Tho. Culpeper, Alexander Culpeper, John Culpeper, Willm Cragge. *Pile*, 4.

[The testator was evidently nearly related to the Lord Culpeper. A Francis Culpeper of Greenway Court, uncle to the first Lord, died in 1591, leaving a son Sir Thomas Culpeper of Hollingbourne. Lord Fairfax must have had some special cause for attachment to the place for he named his home in Frederick Co., Va. after it.]

ROGER FOWKE of Little Wisley, county Stafford Esq. Will last June 1627; proved 6 May 1630. To be buried in Norton church or if possible in Chancel. To poor of Norton 40s. To eldest son Thomas all evidences and charters and court rolls belonging unto him that concerns the lands in Brewood Norton little Wirley or Pelsall. To my 3 younger sons James, Roger, and Walter Fowke, all my goods and household stuff and make them my executors. *Scroope*, 45.

[Roger Fowke, of Little Wisley, was a kinsman of the Fowkes, of Gunston, and married, in 1570, Joan, daughter of Roger Fowke of Gunston. Her brother Francis was the great grandfather of Gerrard Fowke of Va. and Md.]

GEORGE HOPE of Dodleston, Chester, esquire. Will 4 January 1653-4; proved 15 March 1653-4. I give my body to be buried in the parish church of Hope. I bequeath to my grandchild Mary Hope, towards her preferment and maintenance, £400 within 3 years of my decease. To my grandchild Magdalen, now wife to Squmuell Cawley Gwersvilt, gent., £200 within 2 years. To my daughter Magdalen, now wife to John Baskerville of Blagdin, £100. To my great grandchild Hugh Roberts

the younger £20. To my grandchild Roger Hope an annuity of £20, and a like annuity to my grandchild John Hope, to commence immediately after the decease of their mother Anne Hope. All the rest of my estate, real and personal, I bequeath to my grandchild George Hope, whom I make my executor. (Signed) George Hope. Witnesses: Hugh Roberts, Thomas Rolland, Roger Decke. Proved by the executor. *Brent*, 395.

[Magdalen, daughter of George Hope, of Queens Hope, County Flint, and Dodleston, Co. Chester, Eng., married John Baskerville, of Old Withington, Cheshire, Eng. (1599-1661) and was the mother of John Baskerville, born 1635, who emigrated to York Co., Va., and was ancestor of the family here.]

(To be continued)